

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the information disclosure statement (IDS) and request for continued examination (RCE) submitted on 14 March 2011. Claims 1, 2 and 4 - 32 are currently pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 14 March 2011 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 14 March 2011 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on 13 December 2010. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steven D. Jinks (Reg. No. 62,760) on 23 March 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In Claim 13, Lines 1 - 2 replace "A stereoscopic image set of images having a left image and a right image for stereoscopic vision..." with --A method for producing a stereoscopic image set of images having a left image and a right image for stereoscopic vision...".

- In Claim 27, Line 1 replace "The stereoscopic image set of images as claimed in claim 13..." with --The method for producing the stereoscopic image set of images as claimed in claim 13--.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 2 and 4 - 32 (now renumbered 1 - 31) are allowed.

6. The Examiner directs the Applicant's attention to the Notice of Allowability mailed, 13 December 2010, for information concerning the reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Tabata U.S. Patent No. 6,324,001; Tabata discloses a stereo image display apparatus in which edge portions of a left eye and right eye image display area shaded off, however the apparatus of Tabata appears to disclose physical structure which is utilized to block and/or gradually reduce the transmission of light representing the edge portions of an image display area from reaching the user's eyes. In Tabata there does not appear to be any processing of the images themselves to make the edge regions shaded off. Also, the regions of Tabata which are to be shaded off merely comprise the edge regions of the image display area and do not include other regions of the images which may not include fused points corresponding to each other in the left and right regions.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC RUSH whose telephone number is (571)270-3017. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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